

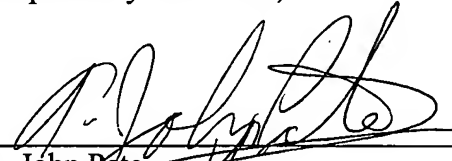
REMARKS

By this amendment, various informalities have been corrected. Favorable consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

In the event that the examiner finds any impediment to the prompt allowance of any of the claims of the above-identified patent application, which could be clarified in a telephone conference, the examiner is respectfully urged to initiate the same with the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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